

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Toxic Substances Control  
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**Project Title:** University Villages, Former Fort Ord, Removal Action Work Plan for Lead Contaminated Soil

**Project Location – Specific:** West and North University Villages, Former Fort Ord

**Project Location – City:** Marina

**Project Location – County:** Monterey

**Description of Project:**

This project is the approval of a Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) by the Department of Toxic Substances Control for the removal of lead (Pb) contaminated soil from around the barracks and buildings at the Former Fort Ord training facility constructed between 1940 and 1945 by the U.S. Army. Site characterization indicates that the lead (Pb) contamination is likely from lead-based paint residue and chips from the buildings and past maintenance. Characterization also indicated that the contamination is mainly in the top one to two feet of soil and within three feet of the drip-line of building roofs. Based on site characterization and the removal action goals, approximately 7,900 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. The excavated soil will likely meet the characteristics of a hazardous waste due to the high concentrations of lead (Pb) in the soil. The removal action cleanup goal for lead (Pb) (203 mg/kg total Pb) is the based on the intended future use being residential with no health based use restrictions. Future development of the Site is planned for mixed residential and commercial uses and will include parks.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Toxic Substances Control,

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Marina Community Partners, Marina California

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(A));  
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

**Exemption Title:** With certainty, no possibility of significant effect.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Remedial Action Work Plan (RAW) has no potential for significant environmental effects because all aspects of the project, including excavation, loading, on-site stockpiling, loading for final disposal at a licensed facility and transportation offsite will be managed by the RAW in a manner expressly designed to eliminate opportunities for exposure. Specifically:

- The project plan calls for between 35 and 40 days of actual excavation and 10-15 actual days of off-haul over a 3 year period. During contaminated soil removal, if it is taking place near any potential receptors, real time air monitoring for fugitive emissions will be conducted until dust control methods have been proven for each task of work. Soils removed will be loaded directly to truck for movement to a storage location. The trucks will be then be decontaminated and covered and the soil will be moved via a designated route to the stockpile location.
- Contaminated soils will be stockpiled on site until sufficient volume is available for offsite shipment for a maximum of five weeks.

- Up to 1,000 yards will be held on a paved area surrounded by K barriers and fabric to control sediment and surface waste runoff. While on-site, the waste soil will be covered and enclosed within a fenced facility. Once the remediation is complete, the paving will be removed and shipped for appropriate disposal, eliminating the need for decontamination of the area.
- The waste soil generated will be transported offsite in fully tarped trailers by a licensed transporter to an approved disposal facility. All waste that meets the hazardous waste criteria or that exceeds 350 ppm total lead concentration will be shipped to a Class 1 hazardous waste facility under a manifest using a registered hauler.
- Trucks hauling waste soils offsite for disposal will enter directly onto Hwy 1 and proceed to Hwy 101 North or Hwy 152 east to I-5. No local street outside of the former base will be used. Approximately 12 to 16 trucks per day will leave the site when shipping is occurring. Shipments will be timed to avoid peak commuter hours.

The closest residents to the project are in California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) dorms that are more than ¼ mile from both the nearest work area and the stockpile location. CSUMB will be notified and kept informed of project activities.

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